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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on March 30, 2000, Applicants hereby call the following document, which was cited in a Japanese Notice of Decision of Rejection dated March 18, 2003 for patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 8-245245, to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-327130, published on December 12, 1995, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,894,527 to ENDO, issued on April 13, 1999.

The relevance and pertinent portions of the Japanese document are as noted on the attached copy of the English language translation of the Japanese Notice of Decision of

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Rejection.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite these documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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